

Casting Out Devils

Is evil spirit possession real?

What does the Book Of Mormon and the original Book Of Commandments (knowing there are also Biblical accounts aplenty) have to say about this?

- 1 Nephi 11:31

And he spake unto me again, saying: Look! And I looked, and I beheld the Lamb of God going forth among the children of men. And I beheld multitudes of people who were sick, and who were afflicted with all manner of diseases, and with devils and unclean spirits; and the angel spake and showed all these things unto me. And they were healed by the power of the Lamb of God; and the devils and the unclean spirits were cast out. (What is the power of the Lamb of God?)

- 2 Nephi 28:22

And behold, others he flattereth away, and telleth them there is no hell; and he saith unto them: I am no devil, for there is none-and thus he whispereth in their ears, until he grasps them with his awful chains, from whence there is no deliverance. (What are the awful consequences of denying or ignoring this principle?)

- Mosiah 3:6

And he shall cast out devils, or the evil spirits which dwell in the hearts of the children of men. (Interesting location for the location of where devils/evil spirits reside... no?)

- 3 Nephi 7:19

And in the name of Jesus did he cast out devils and unclean spirits; and even his brother did he raise from the dead, after he had been stoned and suffered death by the people. (How did Nephi cast out? Did he use a "priesthood"?)

- 3 Nephi 14:22

Many will say to me in that day: Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name have cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works? (Does successfully casting out secure our salvation?)

- Mormon 9:24

And these signs shall follow them that believe-in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.... (How do we and leaders measure up?)

- Book Of Commandments 2:4

*Behold thou art Joseph, and thou wast chosen to do the work of the Lord, but because of transgression, if thou art not aware **thou wilt fall**, but remember God is merciful: Therefore, repent of that which thou hast done, and he will only cause thee to be afflicted for a season, and thou art still chosen, and wilt again be called to the work; **and except thou do this, thou SHALT BE DELIVERED UP and become as other men....***

- Book Of Commandments 4:2

*...I the Lord am God, and I have given these things unto my servant Joseph, and I have commanded him that he should stand as a witness of these things, nevertheless I have caused him that he should enter into a covenant with me, that he should not show them except I command him, and he has no power over them except I grant it unto him; and he has **a gift** to translate the book, and I have **commanded him** that he shall **pretend to no other gift**, for **I will grant him no other gift**. (Did Smith eventually succumb and be delivered up to the devil? Was he more than a man with one gift? Does God lie?)*